



**Foods Typically Purchased with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
(SNAP) Benefits Study**

Contract No. GS-10F-0240U

Order No. AG-3198-D-11-0050

Monthly Progress Report #1 – September 2011

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October 20, 2011

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

1. Purpose and Scope of Project

The primary purpose of this study is to determine what foods are typically purchased with SNAP benefits. This effort is designed to examine existing (b)(4) to determine what foods are typically purchased with SNAP benefits, what foods are purchased together by SNAP recipients, and how households vary their product mixes over a given period of time either intra-monthly or on a month to month basis. The findings from this project will inform policy recommendations and contribute to the knowledge base of SNAP program managers, scientists and other program stakeholders.

The study has 5 research objectives:

1. Determine what food items are most frequently purchased with SNAP benefits during an average month.
2. Understand how SNAP households use their benefits.
3. Ascertain whether these purchase patterns vary by SNAP household demographics or other characteristics, benefit amount or spell length.
4. Establish how foods purchased by SNAP households with their benefits compare to foods purchased by those same households with other household resources.
5. Understand how foods purchased by SNAP households compare to foods purchased by non-SNAP households.

The objectives that are ultimately addressed by this study will be driven by the features of the available (b)(4) that have been proposed by IMPAQ.

2. Activities Performed and Activities Planned by Subtask

In September 2011, IMPAQ conducted the following project activities:

Overall Progress

- IMPAQ made progress on two fronts in September 2011. First, the kickoff meeting was held at FNS headquarters on September 20. Second, IMPAQ began discussions with (b)(4) regarding the content and availability of their (b)(4) for this study.

(b)(4)

In the upcoming month (October 2011) IMPAQ will conduct the following activities:

(b)(4)

3. Problems Encountered

- None

4. Project Schedule

Table 1: Planning Schedule

| Subtask | Planned | | Actual | |
|---------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| | Start Date | End Date | Start Date | End Date |
| (b)(4) | | | | |

Explanation of Differences Between Actual Progress and Planned Progress:

- None

5. Financial Information

Table 2: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Reporting Period

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|-----------|--------|
| Personnel | (b)(4) |
| | (b)(4) |

Table 3: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Cumulative

| | |
|-----------|--------|
| Personnel | (b)(4) |
| | (b)(4) |

Table 4: Total Costs by Expense Type

| Expense Type | September 2011 | Cumulative Through September 2011 | Total Budgeted | Remaining Funds |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| (b)(4) | | | | |
| Total Costs | 10,290 | 10,290 | 739,802 | 729,512 |

Table 5: Total Costs by Subtask

| Subtask | September 2011 | Cumulative Through September 2011 | Total Budgeted | Remaining Funds |
|----------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------|
| (b)(4) | | | | |

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|--------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Total Costs | 10,290 | 10,290 | 739,802 | 729,512 |
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Small Business Subcontracting Dollars:

- None



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Monthly Progress Report #2 – October 2011

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November 17, 2011

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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2. Activities Performed and Activities Planned by Subtask

In October 2011, IMPAQ conducted the following project activities:

Overall Progress

- IMPAQ made substantial progress on developing plans for (b)(4) analysis. IMPAQ had frequent discussions with (b)(4) regarding the content and availability of their (b)(4) for this study. At the same time, IMPAQ continued to work with FNS to further understand the characteristics and limitations of the ALERT and STARS (b)(4)

(b)(4)

- Substantial progress on the draft (b)(4) acquisition and analysis plan.

In the upcoming month (November 2011) IMPAQ will conduct the following activities:

(b)(4)

3. Problems Encountered

- None

4. Project Schedule

Table 1: Planning Schedule

| Subtask | Planned | | Actual | |
|---------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| | Start Date | End Date | Start Date | End Date |
| (b)(4) | | | | |

Explanation of Differences Between Actual Progress and Planned Progress:

- None

5. Financial Information

Table 2: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Reporting Period

| Personnel | (b)(4) |
|-----------|--------|
| | (b)(4) |

Table 3: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Cumulative

| Personnel | (b)(4) |
|-----------|--------|
| | (b)(4) |

Table 4: Total Costs by Expense Type

| Expense Type | October 2011 | Cumulative | | Total Budgeted | Remaining Funds |
|--------------|--------------|----------------------|---------|----------------|-----------------|
| | | Through October 2011 | | | |
| (b)(4) | | | | | |
| Total Costs | 12,148 | 22,438 | 739,802 | 717,364 | |

Table 5: Total Costs by Subtask

| Subtask | October 2011 | Cumulative Through October 2011 | Total Budgeted | Remaining Funds |
|----------------|---------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------|
| (b)(4) | | | | |

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|--------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Total Costs | 12,148 | 22,438 | 739,804 | 717,364 |
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Small Business Subcontracting Dollars:

- None



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Monthly Progress Report #3 – November 2011

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December 20, 2011

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

1. Purpose and Scope of Project

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2. Activities Performed and Activities Planned by Subtask

In November 2011, IMPAQ conducted the following project activities:

Overall Progress

- IMPAQ made substantial progress on developing plans for (b)(4) analysis. IMPAQ had frequent discussions with (b)(4) regarding the content and availability of their (b)(4) for this study. At the same time, IMPAQ continued to work with FNS to further understand the characteristics and limitations of the ALERT and STARS (b)(4)

(b)(4)

- IMPAQ made substantial progress on the revised (b)(4) acquisition and analysis plan.

In the upcoming month (December 2011) IMPAQ will conduct the following activities:

(b)(4)

3. Problems Encountered

- IMPAQ had not yet received the STARS (b)(4) extract from FNS. (These (b)(4) were received December 5.)

4. Project Schedule

Table 1: Planning Schedule

| Subtask | Planned | | Actual | |
|---------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| | Start Date | End Date | Start Date | End Date |
| | | (b)(4) | | |

Explanation of Differences Between Actual Progress and Planned Progress:

- Due to delays in receiving (b)(4) from FNS, the schedule in Table 1 reflects a no cost contract modification. More specifically, IMPAQ and FNS agreed to the following changes:

| Task | Original Due Date | Revised Due Date |
|--------|-------------------|------------------|
| (b)(4) | | |

5. Financial Information**Table 2: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Reporting Period**

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| Personnel | (b)(4) |
| | (b)(4) |

Table 3: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Cumulative

Personnel

(b)(4)

(b)(4)

Table 4: Total Costs by Expense Type

| Expense Type | November 2011 | Cumulative Through November 2011 | Total Budgeted | Remaining Funds |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| (b)(4) | | | | |
| Total Costs | 23,998 | 46,436 | 739,802 | 693,366 |

Table 5: Total Costs by Subtask

| Subtask | November 2011 | Cumulative Through November 2011 | Total Budgeted | Remaining Funds |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| (b)(4) | | | | |
| Total Costs | 23,998 | 46,436 | 739,802 | 693,366 |

Small Business Subcontracting Dollars:

- None



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Monthly Progress Report #4 – December 2011

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January 17, 2012

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

1. Purpose and Scope of Project

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The objectives that are ultimately addressed by this study will be driven by the features of the available (b)(4) that have been proposed by IMPAQ.

2. Activities Performed and Activities Planned by Subtask

In December 2011, IMPAQ conducted the following project activities:

Overall Progress

- IMPAQ completed task (b)(4) and delivered the final (b)(4) Acquisition and Analysis Plan to FNS.
- IMPAQ met in person with (b)(4) at their headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio. The meeting informed (b)(4) (b)(4)
- IMPAQ continued discussions with (b)(4) regarding the availability of their (b)(4) for this study (b)(4) (b)(4)

- IMPAQ analyzed the ALERT and STARS (b)(4) extracts it received from FNS and determined that linking these (b)(4) to the (b)(4) (b)(4) would not be feasible.

(b)(4)

In the upcoming month (January 2012) IMPAQ will conduct the following activities:

(b)(4)

- IMPAQ will deliver to FNS a draft (b)(4) usage agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ for this project. This is the first deliverable of this task.
- IMPAQ will continue discussions with (b)(4) regarding usage of their (b)(4) for this study.
- IMPAQ will discuss with FNS the draft (b)(4) usage agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ in order to inform revisions of the agreement.

3. Problems Encountered

- None.

4. Project Schedule

Table 1: Planning Schedule

| Subtask | Planned | | Actual | |
|---------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| | Start Date | End Date | Start Date | End Date |
| (b)(4) | | | | |

5. Financial Information

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| Personnel | (b)(4) |
| | (b)(4) |

Table 3: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Cumulative

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|------------------|--------|
| Personnel | (b)(4) |
| | (b)(4) |

Table 4: Total Costs by Expense Type

| Expense Type | December 2011 | Cumulative Through December 2011 | Total Budgeted | Remaining Funds |
|---------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------------|
| (b)(4) | | | | |
| Total Costs | 29,161 | 75,597 | 739,802 | 664,205 |

Table 5: Total Costs by Subtask

| Subtask | December 2011 | Cumulative Through December 2011 | Total Budgeted | Remaining Funds |
|----------------|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------------|
| (b)(4) | | | | |

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|--------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
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|--------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|

Small Business Subcontracting Dollars:

- None



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Monthly Progress Report #5 – January 2012

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February 15, 2012

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

1. Purpose and Scope of Project

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2. Activities Performed and Activities Planned by Subtask

In January 2012, IMPAQ conducted the following project activities:

Overall Progress

- IMPAQ delivered to FNS a draft (b)(4) usage agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ, the first deliverable under task (b)(4)
- IMPAQ continued discussions with (b)(4) regarding the availability of their (b)(4) for this study.
- IMPAQ continued discussions with FNS regarding the (b)(4) for this study.

Task 3: Acquire (b)(4)

- IMPAQ had frequent discussions with (b)(4) regarding the availability of their (b)(4) for this study.
- IMPAQ had frequent discussions with FNS regarding the (b)(4) for this study.

- IMPAQ delivered to FNS a draft (b)(4) usage agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ, the first deliverable under task (b)(4)
- IMPAQ provided (b)(4) with edits and comments on the draft (b)(4) usage agreement based on comments from FNS and IMPAQ's thoughts and questions.

In the upcoming month (February 2012) IMPAQ will conduct the following activities:

(b)(4)

3. Problems Encountered

- None.

4. Project Schedule

Table 1: Planning Schedule

| Subtask | Planned | | Actual | |
|---------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| | Start Date | End Date | Start Date | End Date |
| | | (b)(4) | | |

5. Financial Information

Table 2: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Reporting Period

| Personnel | (b)(4) |
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| | (b)(4) |

Table 3: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Cumulative

| Personnel | (b)(4) |
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| | (b)(4) |

Table 4: Total Costs by Expense Type

| Expense Type | January 2012 | Cumulative Through January 2012 | Total Budgeted | Remaining Funds |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | | (b)(4) | | |
| Total Costs | 13,659 | 89,256 | 739,802 | 650,546 |

Table 5: Total Costs by Subtask

| Subtask | January 2012 | Cumulative Through January 2012 | Total Budgeted | Remaining Funds |
|----------------|---------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------|
| (b)(4) | | | | |

Small Business Subcontracting Dollars:

- None



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Monthly Progress Report #6 – February 2012

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March 19, 2012

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

1. Purpose and Scope of Project

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The objectives that are ultimately addressed by this study will be driven by the features of the available (b)(4) that have been proposed by IMPAQ.

2. Activities Performed and Activities Planned by Subtask

In February 2012, IMPAQ conducted the following project activities:

Overall Progress

- IMPAQ delivered to FNS an update regarding the (b)(4) usage agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ on February 6, a deliverable under task (b)(4)
- IMPAQ continued discussions with (b)(4) regarding the availability of their (b)(4) for this study.
- IMPAQ continued discussions with FNS regarding the (b)(4) for this study including meeting in person at FNS headquarters on February 27.

(b)(4)

- IMPAQ delivered to FNS an update regarding the (b)(4) usage agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ on February 6, a deliverable under task 3.
- IMPAQ provided (b)(4) with edits and comments on the draft (b)(4) usage agreement based on comments from FNS and IMPAQ's thoughts and questions.
- IMPAQ provided FNS with language acceptable to (b)(4) for reporting the source of the (b)(4) for this study.

In the upcoming month (March 2012) IMPAQ will conduct the following activities:

(b)(4)

3. Problems Encountered

- None.

4. Project Schedule

Table 1: Planning Schedule

| Subtask | Planned | | Actual | |
|---------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| | Start Date | End Date | Start Date | End Date |
| | | (b)(4) | | |

5. Financial Information

Table 2: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Reporting Period

Personnel

(b)(4)

(b)(4)

Table 3: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Cumulative

Personnel

(b)(4)

(b)(4)

Table 4: Total Costs by Expense Type

| Expense Type | February 2012 | Cumulative | Total Budgeted | Remaining Funds |
|--------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | | Through February | | |
| | | 2012 | | |
| (b)(4) | | | | |
| Total Costs | 14,232 | 103,488 | 739,802 | 636,314 |

Table 5: Total Costs by Subtask

| Subtask | February 2012 | Cumulative Through February 2012 | Total Budgeted | Remaining Funds |
|----------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------------|
| (b)(4) | | | | |

| | | | | |
|--------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total Costs | 14,232 | 103,488 | 739,802 | 636,314 |
|--------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|

Small Business Subcontracting Dollars:

- None



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Monthly Progress Report #7 – March 2012

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April 19, 2012

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

1. Purpose and Scope of Project

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2. Activities Performed and Activities Planned by Subtask

In March 2012, IMPAQ conducted the following project activities:

Overall Progress

- IMPAQ delivered to FNS a revised (b)(4) usage agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ for this project, a deliverable under task (b)(4) on March 7.
- IMPAQ delivered to FNS a revised (b)(4) acquisition and analysis plan on March 30.

(b)(4)

In the upcoming month (April 2012) IMPAQ will conduct the following activities:

(b)(4)

3. Problems Encountered

- None.

4. Project Schedule

Table 1: Planning Schedule

| Subtask | Planned | | Actual | |
|---------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| | Start Date | End Date | Start Date | End Date |
| (b)(4) | | | | |

5. Financial Information

Table 2: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Reporting Period

(b)(4)

Personnel

(b)(4)

Table 3: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Cumulative

(b)(4)

Personnel

(b)(4)

Table 4: Total Costs by Expense Type

| Expense Type | March 2012 | Cumulative Through March 2012 | Total Budgeted | Remaining Funds |
|--------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| (b)(4) | | | | |
| Total Costs | 10,629 | 114,117 | 739,802 | 625,685 |

Table 5: Total Costs by Subtask

| Subtask | March 2012 | Cumulative Through March 2012 (b)(4) | Total Budgeted | Remaining Funds |
|----------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------|
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|--------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total Costs | 10,629 | 114,117 | 739,802 | 625,685 |
|--------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|

Small Business Subcontracting Dollars:

- None



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Monthly Progress Report #8 – April 2012

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May 15, 2012

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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2. Activities Performed and Activities Planned by Subtask

In April 2012, IMPAQ conducted the following project activities:

Overall Progress

- IMPAQ completed task (b)(4) by finalizing the service agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ for this project.
- IMPAQ and (b)(4) began activities related to analyzing the (b)(4) (b)(4) (b)(4)

In the upcoming month (May 2012) IMPAQ will conduct the following activities:

(b)(4)

3. Problems Encountered

- None.

4. Project Schedule

Table 1: Planning Schedule

| Subtask | Planned | | Actual | |
|---------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| | Start Date | End Date | Start Date | End Date |
| (b)(4) | | | | |

5. Financial Information

Table 2: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Reporting Period

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| Personnel | (b)(4) |
|------------------|--------|

Table 3: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Cumulative

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| Personnel | (b)(4) |
| | (b)(4) |

Table 4: Total Costs by Expense Type

| Expense Type | April 2012 | Cumulative Through April 2012 | Total Budgeted | Remaining Funds |
|---------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------|
| | | (b)(4) | | |
| Total Costs | 13,391 | 127,508 | 739,802 | 612,294 |

Table 5: Total Costs by Subtask

| Subtask | April 2012 | Cumulative Through April 2012 (b)(4) | Total Budgeted | Remaining Funds |
|----------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------|
|----------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------|

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|--------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total Costs | 13,391 | 127,508 | 739,802 | 612,294 |
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Small Business Subcontracting Dollars:

- None



**Foods Typically Purchased with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
(SNAP) Benefits Study**

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MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

1. Purpose and Scope of Project

The primary purpose of this study is to determine what foods are typically purchased with SNAP benefits. This effort is designed to examine existing (b)(4) to determine what foods are typically purchased with SNAP benefits, what foods are purchased together by SNAP recipients, and how households vary their product mixes over time. The findings from this project will inform policy recommendations and contribute to the knowledge base of SNAP program managers, scientists and other program stakeholders.

The study has 5 research objectives:

1. Determine what food items are most frequently purchased with SNAP benefits during an average month.
2. Understand how SNAP households use their benefits.
3. Ascertain whether these purchase patterns vary by SNAP household demographics or other characteristics, benefit amount or spell length.
4. Establish how foods purchased by SNAP households with their benefits compare to foods purchased by those same households with other household resources.
5. Understand how foods purchased by SNAP households compare to foods purchased by non-SNAP households.

The objectives that are ultimately addressed by this study will be driven by the features of the available (b)(4) that have been proposed by IMPAQ.

2. Activities Performed and Activities Planned by Subtask

In May 2012, IMPAQ conducted the following project activities:

Overall Progress

- IMPAQ continued working with (b)(4) on activities related to analyzing the (b)(4) (b)(4) per the service agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ for this project.

(b)(4)

In the upcoming month (June 2012) IMPAQ will conduct the following activities:

Task 4: Analyze (b)(4)

- IMPAQ will continue activities related to analyzing the (b)(4) as detailed in the service agreement between (b)(4) and IMPAQ.
- IMPAQ will continue discussions with FNS regarding the (b)(4) and analysis for this study.

3. Problems Encountered

- None.

4. Project Schedule

Table 1: Planning Schedule

| Subtask | Planned | | Actual | |
|---------|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| | Start Date | End Date | Start Date | End Date |
| (b)(4) | | | | |

5. Financial Information

Table 2: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Reporting Period

| Personnel | (b)(4) |
|-----------|--------|
| | (b)(4) |

Table 3: Personnel Hours Worked by Subtask- Cumulative

| Personnel | (b)(4) |
|-----------|--------|
| | (b)(4) |

Table 4: Total Costs by Expense Type

| Expense Type | May 2012 | Cumulative Through May 2012 (b)(4) | Total Budgeted | Remaining Funds |
|--------------|----------|---|----------------|-----------------|
| Total Costs | 47,944 | 175,452 | 739,802 | 564,350 |

Table 5: Total Costs by Subtask

| Subtask | May 2012 | Cumulative Through May 2012 (b)(4) | Total Budgeted | Remaining Funds |
|-------------|----------|---|----------------|-----------------|
| Total Costs | 47,944 | 175,452 | 739,802 | 564,350 |

Small Business Subcontracting Dollars:

- None